

April 29, 2026

Donald Isaac, Executive Director
Corrections Information Council

Via Email

Dear Director Isaac:

Please find enclosed budget oversight questions from the Committee on the Judiciary and Public Safety for the annual budget oversight hearings. **Please provide responses to these questions no later than close of business on May, 4, 2026.** If you have any questions or concerns about these questions or your ability to meet this deadline, please contact Anaiah Mitchell, Senior Policy Advisor, at @amitchell@dccouncil.gov or Eloy Rodriguez La Brada, Deputy Committee Director, at @erodriguezlabrada@dccouncil.gov.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "BE Pinto". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Brooke Pinto
Councilmember, Ward 2
Chairwoman, Committee on the Judiciary and Public Safety
Council of the District of Columbia

cc: Office of Policy and Legislative Affairs

I. Operating Budget

General

1. Please provide a crosswalk of all FTEs that were reclassified to a different activity in the FY 27 proposed budget.

None

2. Please provide the position numbers for all positions eliminated in the proposed agency budget for FY 27.

See the attached Excel file. In order to meet the MARC:

- 00102701: The position has not been budgeted in FY27. Agency is requesting restoration of \$86,647.19.

- a. Were all eliminated positions vacant? If not, which eliminated positions were filled?

Yes, all affected positions were vacant.

- b. Are these positions eliminated effective October 1, 2025, or were funds swept in the FY 2026 supplemental budget?

Position 00102701 has not been budgeted.

3. The FY27 Submitted Schedule A includes two vacant Program Analyst positions – position number 00087330 and position number 00102701, which appears to be an unpaid position.

In the FY27 Submitted Schedule A, both Program Analyst positions appear as vacant. Position 00102701 has not been budgeted. Agency is requesting restoration of \$86,647.19.

4. Please provide the title, salary, fund source, Activity/Division, and hiring plan for all vacant FTEs proposed in the proposed FY 27 budget for the agency.

See the attached Excel file.

Organization and Operations

5. What measures has the agency utilized to reduce top leave code usage?

Active communication with the Chief of Staff.

6. Across what categories did the agency discover underspending, and to what amount, in FY26?

In FY26 year to date, the agency underspent \$56,285 in PS is due to change in hiring plan. There is no underspending in NPS.

7. What funding amounts, if any, were allocated to professional development endeavors for staff in FY26?
- NACOLE Conference on Prison Oversight: \$1800
 - Prison and Jail Innovation Lab's Peer Learning Community Directors' Convening: \$1200
 - New Jersey State Ombudsman Professional Learning and Development: \$6500
8. Are there any contracts of concern (either increases or decreases) to note? Please list any new programs implemented by the agency during FY 2025 and FY 2026, to date. For each initiative, please provide:
- a. A description of the initiative, including when begun and when completed (or expected to be completed);
 - b. The funding required to implement the initiative;
 - c. Any documented results of the initiative.
- There are no contracts of concern or new programs with associated costs. Any new initiatives are relative to projects that do not correspond to specific dollars outside of the current operational budget to inspect, monitor, and reports on jails and prisons.
9. Please provide a complete, up-to-date position listing for your agency, ordered by program and activity, and including the following information for each position:
- a. Title of position;
 - b. Name of employee or statement that the position is vacant, unfunded, or proposed;
 - c. Date employee began in position;
 - d. Salary and fringe benefits (separately), including the specific grade, series, and step of position;
 - e. Job status (continuing/term/temporary/contract);
 - f. Whether the position must be filled to comply with federal or local law.

Please note the date that the information was collected.

See the attached Excel file. The information was collected on May 4, 2026.

10. Please provide the agency's FY 2026 Performance Accountability Report.

Please see attachments.

Spending

11. Please provide a chart showing the agency's approved budget and actual spending, by division, for FY 2025 and FY 2026, to date. In addition, please describe any variance

between fiscal year appropriations and actual expenditures for each program and activity code.

• **FY25:**

Fund	Program	Program Description	Cost Center	Cost Center Description	Account Category Description	Revised Budget	Expenditure	Comments
1010001	800068	COMPREHENSIVE INSPECTIONS DISTRICT PRISONS	80130	LEADERSHIP AND OPERATIONS DEPARTMENT - CIC	PERSONNEL SERVICES	1,047,663	1,014,501	The variance of \$33,162 in Personal Services reflects salary lapse resulting from delayed hiring.
					NON-PERSONNEL SERVICES	72,709	66,954	The variance includes \$3,673 related to inspection travel costs and \$2,081 in fixed costs that were not charged.
					TOTAL	1,120,372	1,081,455	

• **FY26:**

Fund	Program	Program Description	Cost Center	Cost Center Description	Account Category Description	Revised Budget	Expenditure	Comments
1010001	800068	COMPREHENSIVE INSPECTIONS DISTRICT PRISONS	80130	LEADERSHIP AND OPERATIONS DEPARTMENT - CIC	PERSONNEL SERVICES	1,171,827	522,200	\$56,285 variance is due to change in hiring plan.
					NON-PERSONNEL SERVICES	72,163	32,995	There is no variance.
					TOTAL	1,243,989	555,195	

12. The FY27 proposed budget includes a decrease of \$153K to the operating budget, including \$87,000 in personnel services and \$66,000 in non-personnel services. Please describe the anticipated impact of these decreases on operations at CIC.

The decrease would eliminate the entire NPS budget, and prevent operations, which would stop the agency from complying with its mandate. It also eliminates a position from a small 10- person agency with a large mandate to monitor the local and federal correctional landscape. The agency starts every year with limited resources that are always strained, so any further reductions have a detrimental impact on operations. A decrease to this small agency has a much bigger impact as compared to those with larger budgets and discretionary resources.

Memoranda of Understanding (MOUs)

13. Please provide a summary of the type and frequency of inquiries and complaints that CIC received from family members of incarcerated residents in DOC and BOP custody during FY 2025 and FY 2026, date.

- a. How does CIC respond to such inquiries and complaints? What is the average response time?
- b. Does CIC have sufficient resources to respond to all inquiries or complaints in a timely manner? Does CIC have any backlog in responding to inquiries or complaints?

- c. Has CIC identified particular patterns, such as a high volume of complaints of a particular type, from particular facilities for which complaints have been filed for FY 2025 and FY 2026, to date? If so, what are the patterns, and how do these patterns inform actions taken by CIC?

In the first quarter of FY26 the CIC collected information on 28 interactions. The most frequent methods of contact were by telephone calls (12), Corrlinks (9), and letter (7). In FY25, the CIC collected information on 222 interactions. The most frequent methods of contact were by Corrlinks (96), letter (71), and telephone (55). From October 1, 2024 to December 31, 2025, the CIC heard from people housed in the DOC and 51 BOP facilities, including Volunteers of America and Fairview. The BOP institutions from which CIC received the most contacts were FCI Hazelton, USP Hazelton, USP Terre Haute, USP Victorville, FCI Gilmer, and USP McCreary. Due to reporting of increased lockdowns in FY25, the CIC anticipated fewer interactions in FY 25 and the first quarter of FY 26. However, the data for FY24, during which the CIC collected information on 228 interactions, indicated a very slight decline. The change from FY24 to FY25 is that more incarcerated people are relying on Corrlinks, the Bureau of Prisons' email system, and telephone calls - while letter writing has declined.

The average response time is one to three days, which depends on the communication type; however, phones call are handled immediately since residents are calling directly and there is no way to return the call. There is no backlog since responses are factored into the daily workload of staff. However, more detailed responses and communications impact other operations, such as the speed of completing various parts of an inspection report or additional research.

Information from these interactions helps to determine which BOP facilities the CIC will visit, and discover issues at any facility that warrant updates to info sheets, reports, and trackers; however, financial resources must be considered for traveling, and the number of residents housed at a facility is always a consideration.

The top six BOP issues were concerns about medical care, compassionate release, sentence computation (especially about First Step Act), the policy for First Step Act and good time credits, reentry, and the grievance process. On site issues include lockdowns and issues related to inadequate staffing and infrastructure. Issues and trends among the population are always communicated to the facilities' executive leadership during on-site meetings, which open and conclude any BOP site visits. High level trends amongst the population are also communicated to Administrative Staff at BOP headquarters through meetings and documentation contained within written reports, which are publicly available on our website. The CIC engages the DOC population while onsite, so residents vocalize a plethora of grievances; however, the top issues within the DOC were reports about inadequate or untimely medical care relative to diagnoses from external medical providers, mold abatement within cells, and the desire for programming in maximum security units – which DOC has acknowledged as difficult due to separations and security concerns, acoustics, and spacing limitations.

14. Please provide a copy of CIC's and DOC's current MOU. Have there been any changes to the MOU in the past year?

Please see attachments. There have not been any changes.

15. Please list any reports that CIC plans to release in the remainder of FY 2026.

- USP Lee
- Fairview
- At least two more reports on DOC facilities
- Quarterly information sheets with raw data on demographics and locations
- Monthly newsletters with recent events and data

16. Please discuss any community outreach planned for the remainder of FY 2026.

During the beginning of FY 2026, the CIC executed its annual postcard project designed for nationwide outreach to the incarcerated DC Code population throughout the BOP. The CIC recently completed a voter outreach educational project to inform incarcerated DOC residents about voting candidates for the upcoming DC election. The CIC is also in the process of a BOP-wide mailing to inform candidates about voting and the mayoral candidates, which is important for those who want to exercise civic duties. Lastly, we anticipate completing an update to the Legislative Resource Booklet, which is then mailed as additional outreach to the incarcerated population - and explains resources and laws applicable to them.

17. Please provide an update on any applications for grant funding CIC has made in FY 2026, to date.

The Corrections Information Council (CIC) is active in SAM.gov and regularly monitors available federal grant opportunities. To date, CIC is reviewing one potential opportunity, but has not yet definitively selected any feasible options.